



**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
**OVERSIGHT AND SAFETY DIVISION**  
**DAMAGE PREVENTION**

**Notice of Pipeline Damage Prevention Rules**

Railroad Commission of Texas rules require everyone to **CALL BEFORE YOU DIG (811)** to protect against personal injury, including loss of life, costly property damage, expensive repairs, and legal and civil penalties.

**BEFORE EXCAVATING:**



**CALL 8-1-1** before you dig and **REFRESH** when necessary according to the rule



**WAIT 48 hours**, excluding weekends and legal holidays



**VERIFY** positive response has been received



**SURVEY** the job site for evidence of unmarked pipelines



**Dig with CARE**

**REPORT ALL DAMAGES** (Including minor scrapes and dings)



**IMMEDIATELY** call 9-1-1, if there is an emergency.



Notify the pipeline operator through the notification center (811) as soon as possible, but not later than 2 hours.



File a report of the damage through the Commission's online filing system (Texas Damage Report Form) within 10 business days.

The Pipeline Damage Prevention rules, 16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 18 outlines requirements for pipeline operators and any person engaged in or preparing to engage in the movement of earth in the vicinity of a pipeline, including service lines. The rules also require reporting if a pipeline is damaged during a dig. Fines for violations of the Pipeline Damage Prevention rules begin at \$1000 per violation. To view the rules, visit the Texas Secretary of State website at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml>.

For more information on the Pipeline Damage Prevention Program, visit the Railroad Commission of Texas website at <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/pipeline-safety/> under "Pipeline Damage Prevention Program" or call 512-475-0512.